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DALLAS MAN CHARGED WITH ARMED BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Dallas, Texas, man was charged in federal court today for the armed robbery of the Commerce Bank on the Country Club Plaza.

John L. Stanley, 60, of Dallas, was charged in a federal criminal complaint this morning with using a handgun to take approximately \$8,169 from Commerce Bank, 118 West 47th St., in Kansas City, Mo., on June 10, 2004.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Stanley** was wearing fake teeth when he entered the Commerce Bank building just before noon. **Stanley** allegedly withdrew a handgun from a bag he placed on a teller counter, then ordered two tellers to give him money from their cash drawers, which he placed in the bag.

Minutes after the robbery occurred, according to the affidavit, law enforcement officers contacted **Stanley**, who was sitting in a 1988 Ford Crown Victoria in a parking lot at 3130 Broadway, wearing what appeared to be a false mustache (half of which was hanging loose) with a large quantity of currency in his lap. When they removed **Stanley** from the vehicle, they found a loaded Sig Sauer .40-caliber handgun in his waistband. During a search of the vehicle, officers also found a quantity of money and a set of crooked false teeth.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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